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DESCRIPTION OF NEUHARDENBERG AIRFIELD (2 pp; German; 1951)

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This report, a typewritten document, concerns the Neuhardenberg airfield. The [REDACTED] and supplied the following information:

The airfield is located one kilometer north of the village of Marxwalde, formerly known as Neuhardenberg, on the west edge of the Quappendorf highway, and about twelve air kilometers northeast of Muenchenberg near Berlin. During the last weeks of the war, German fighter units and ground attack units were located on this airfield. ~~TEXT~~ At present, there are no Soviet flying units stationed here. The landing field is comparatively small, about 1,000 x 1,200 meters, and is covered with turf. A sketch of the airfield and the surrounding area is attached to the report, which describes the installations indicated on the sketch as follows: 1) a slightly damaged hangar with a flat roof; 2) a concrete bunker which probably was formerly a telephone exchange; 3) a technical building, slightly damaged; 4) a 1,800-meter-long row of fir branches, laid out so as to represent the northeast-southwest direction of flight, in place of the conventional runway border used on most combat airfields; 5) extensive woodland areas which are being cleared, possibly to enlarge the airfield area; 6) trees lining both sides of the highway, which were recently removed in order to clear the way for a flying lane. The airfield area ~~XXX~~ at present is guarded by one civilian guard; there is a change of guard every eight hours. There is a no-trespassing sign on the edge of the airfield area which states that the field is the property of the V.V.E.A.B. (Federation of People-Owned Purchasing and Procurement Enterprises). According to local inhabitants, a Soviet work detail was stationed on the field in December 1950, which did the ground leveling and clearing work.

The report states that this airfield was completely abandoned after the war; for example, all underground tank installations were dismantled in 1945. However, it appears possible that in the future the airfield will be included in the ~~XP~~ expanded program for airfield construction, and that it will again be put into operation.

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